

May it please Your Majesty, [To the King]

WE your Majesties most Loyal Subjects, in a deep sense of the Miseries of a War now breaking forth in the Bowels of this your Kingdom, and of the Danger to which your Majesties Sacred Person is thereby like to be Exposed, and also of the Distractions of your People, by Reason of their present Grievances, do think our selves bound in Conscience of the Duty we owe to God and our Holy Religion, to your Majesty and our Country, most humbly to offer to your Majesty, that in our Opinion, the only visible way to preserve your Majesty and this your Kingdom, would be the calling of a Parliament, Regular and Free in all its Circumstances.

We therefore do most earnestly beseech your Majesty, that you would be graciously pleased with all speed to call such a Parliament, wherein we shall be most ready to promote such Councils and Resolutions of Peace and Settlement in Church and State, as may conduce to your Majesties Honour and Safety, and to the quieting the Minds of your People.

We do likewise humbly beseech your Majesty, in the use such means for the preventing the Effusion of Christian Blood, as to your Majesty shall seem most meet.

And your Petitioners shall ever pray, &c.

W. Cant.
Grafton.
Ormond,
Dorset.
Clare.
Clarendon.
Burlington.
Anglesey.
Rochester.
Newport.

Nom. Ebor.
W. Afaph.
Fran. Ely.
Tho. Roffen.
Tho. Petriburg.
Paget.
Chandois.
Osulston.

Presented by the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, the Arch-Bishop of York Elect, the Bishop of Ely, and the Bishop of Rochester, the 17th. of November, 1688.